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Applicants : Constantine J. Tsikos et al.  
Application Serial No.: 09/990,585  
Filing Date : November 21, 2001  
Title: HAND-SUPPORTABLE PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION  
AND IMAGING (PLIIM) DEVICES EMPLOYING LINEAR  
ELECTRONIC IMAGE DETECTION ARRAYS AND  
OPTICALLY-COMBINED PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION  
BEAMS (PLIBS) PRODUCED FROM A MULTIPLICITY OF  
LASER DIODE SOURCES TO ACHIEVE A REDUCTION IN  
SPECKLE-PATTERN NOISE POWER IN SAID PLIIM  
DEVICES  
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced Patent Application, please amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT OF THE CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED U.S. APPLICATIONS

Please amend the "Cross-Reference to Related U.S. Applications" on Page 1 as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED [U.S. APPLICATIONS] APPLICATIONS

This is a Continuation-in-Part of: copending Application Serial No. 09/999,687 filed October 31, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/954,477 filed September 17, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/883,130 filed June 15, 2001, which is a Continuation-in-Part of Application Serial No. 09/781,665 filed February 12, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/780,027 filed February 9, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/721,885 filed November 24, 2000; [copending Application Serial No. 09/047, 146 filed March 24, 1998;

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